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DUAL GAUGE TRACK CONSTRUCTION
HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE
NORTH VIETNAM

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-9998 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD RAIL ALONG SEGMENTS OF THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG METER GAUGE RAIL LINE NORTH OF KEP, THEREBY PROVIDING A DUAL GAUGE CAPACITY.

2. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS NO STANDARD GAUGE ROADBED CONSTRUCTION OR RELATED ACTIVITY ON THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE.

[REDACTED], ON INTERMITTENT COVERAGE FROM 2128N 10623E TO 2124N 10617E, REVEALS CONSTRUCTION PREPARATIONS FOR THE ADDITION OF A THIRD RAIL. THE RAILBED HAS BEEN WIDENED AND IMPROVED, AND STANDARD GAUGE TIES HAVE REPLACED THE SHORT TIES USED FOR METER GAUGE TRACK. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF A CONSTRUCTED THIRD RAIL. PROBABLE RAILS ARE OBSERVED PILED AT UTM XJ404714.

[REDACTED] REVEALS A THIRD RAIL OBSERVED ON INTERMITTENT COVERAGE OF THE RAIL LINE FROM 2130N 10625E TO 2126N 10620E, PERMITTING UTILIZATION OF THE TRACK BY BOTH STANDARD AND METER GAUGE RAILCARS.

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3. REMARKS:

A THIRD RAIL HAS BEEN REPORTED NORTH OF KEP AT THE CAO NUNG
RAILROAD BRIDGE [REDACTED] AT 2133N 10629E, FROM 2125N 10618E
TO 2126N 10621E, AND ON THE TURN OUT OF THE KEP/THAI NGUYEN RAIL LINE
WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. A THIRD RAIL WAS NOT OBSERVED SOUTH
OF KEP AT 2120N 10615E [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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